

City of Redmond Planning Commission March 30, 2005 Meeting Summary

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Kim Allen, Kate Dunn, Charlie McCarthy, Susan Petitpas, Korby Parnell, Suzanne Querry and Martin Snodgrass

Staff in Attendance:

Terry Marpert, Redmond Planning Department; Joel Pfundt and Kurt Seemann, Redmond Public Works Department

Business Conducted:

Chair Martin Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

There were several speakers, under items from the audience, who opposed opening 172nd Ave. NE between NE 122nd St. and NE 124th St. in North Redmond.

The Chair opened the study session on the Transportation Master Plan.

The Commission supported the extension of Willows Road north from NE 124^{th} St. to NE 145^{th} St. in King County, through to Woodinville.

Regarding the 172nd Ave. NE connection, the Planning Commission discussed how the City communicates with areas that Redmond could annex, and with King County. They also discussed techniques that could calm traffic, and that the City could consider in the design of the 172nd connection. The Planning Commission voted 5-2 to support connecting 172nd Ave. NE between NE 122nd and NE 124th Sts., and to incorporate pedestrian friendly design features in the connection. Commissioners Dunn and Parnell opposed the connection.

The Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation to designate 172nd Ave. NE as a multimodal corridor, south of NE 116th St. They also supported a multimodal corridor designation for the connecting parts of NE 111th St. to 166th Ave. NE.

The Planning Commission voted 5-1 to put the pedestrian overpass from Town Center over SR 520 to Marymoor Park, on the non-funded Buildout Transportation Facility Plan. Commissioner Parnell opposed the motion, wanting to put the connection on the 2022-funded plan.

The commissioners discussed how the TMP addresses Eastside transportation problems. They discussed some changes with Kurt Seemann to TMP Ch. 9, the Three-Year Priority Action Plan. Further discussion centered on the need for Metro to improve intra-Redmond transit service, requiring some changes to TMP Section 5C on p. 5C-2. The commissioners supported removing

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the second paragraph in TMP Section 4C on p. 4-7, or at least referring to many places in Redmond where transit connections would be supported, rather than the limiting wording of the existing paragraph.

The commissioners asked staff to revise the Plan-Based System of Concurrency Management in Ch. 4, pp. 4-2 to 4-3, since this section was confusing.

There were no reports or discussion of issues for upcoming meetings.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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